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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOOKSETT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1861.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

Expenditures from March, 1860 to March, 1861.

Paid State tax for 1860,	\$323,40
County tax for "	901,93
School tax, District No. 1,	125,05
" " " " 2,	190,57
" " " " 3,	98,68
" " " " 4,	118,81
" " " " 5,	95,94
" " " " 6,	72,74
" " " " 7,	185,65
" " " " 8,	33,06
" " " " 9,	110,40
Selectmen's bills, 1859,	175,09
John C. Briggs, balance due for bridge,	2600,00
Flint & Bryant, counsel, bridge case vs. C. R. R.,	196,50
E. M. Wilson, balance poor farm accounts,	15,11
B. A. Noyes, being tax and cost on lot sold for highway tax, 1859,	6,42
Henry Saltmarsh, provisions for Wm. Lakin,	13,30
" " goods for M. Collins and family,	6,95
" " for boarding Martin girl at L. Campbell's,	4,00
" " expense running line and amount paid for lumber for bridge,	8,00
" " money paid Nancy Converse for support Elizabeth Converse,	25,00
Dana Rowe, for breaking road, 1861,	25,75
Horace Gage, for services as bridge building committee,	60,67
" " medical service to Nancy Sanborn and other paupers,	11,50
" " medical service to Elizabeth Converse,	7,25
" " " " to Mary McClure,	8,25
" " for returning deaths and births,	,80
Jesse Gault, service as bridge building committee,	53,90
" " for preparing and procuring town reports, 1860,	5,00

Samuel Head, cost paid for serving notice on the town of Chester,	3,76
Samuel Head, cost paid town Deering for support and funeral of William Wells,	35,31
Jabez Green, services as bridge building committee,	39,20
I. C. Otterson, non-resident highway taxes, paid in labor, 1860,	135,79
I. C. Otterson, abatement of taxes of Smith & Tompkins, 1860,	5,11
Mayhew Clark, for keeping a public watering place, in 1860,	3,00
Moses Quimby for cleaning Town House,	3,50
“ “ “ one day's work taking down derrick,	1,50
Peter C. Rowell for one day's work, laying stone at Brick Yard Brook,	1,25
James White, for repairing bridge and expenses,	22,00
William Abbott for one day breaking roads,	1,00
“ “ for six and one-half days work on culvert,	8,12
Fred. Abbott, for six and one-half days' work building culverts,	11,37
H. E. Robie for iron work, etc.,	5,41
Thomas N. Head, for labor on highway, and for poles for railing,	13,87
Thomas Currier, for breaking out roads,	13,00
Fanny Brown, interest on note,	90,00
Sophia W. Chandler, interest on note,	60,00
Sophia W. Chandler, interest on note,	60,00
Jeremiah H. Wilkins, interest on note,	120,00
B. J. Gile, for notifying Pembroke and Allenstown, 1858 and 1859, and for supporting Holt children,	23,00
H. B. Otterson, for taking care of hearse, 1860,	5,00
H. B. Otterson, for breaking out roads,	2,00
H. B. Otterson, labor on culverts on River Road,	15,62
Hiram Austin for one cow,	34,00
Frederick F. Potter, for medical attendance to wife of William Lakin,	20,00
Charles W. James, for breaking out roads,	22,00
John Johnson, part payment on note,	50,00
John W. Prescott, for labor on culverts,	22,38
E. S. Caswell, for superintending schools, 1860,	20,00

Seth Eastman, for weights and measures, sealing and adjusting, etc.,	34,25
Fogg, Hadley & Co., printing Town Reports, 1859,	24,00
E. D. Smith, for insurance on town bridge, one year from June 1860,	31,00
John Riley, for one year's salary on Poor Farm, end- ing April 1, 1860,	200,00
Frank Sanborn, 3 1-2 days on culvert, river road,	4,37
Savory T. Burbank, for breaking out roads,	12,00
David Tabor, for work on highway,	5,38
Horace and Amos Baker, shovelling snow off bridge,	6,00
John Kimball, for breaking out roads,	10,50
Nathan Cate, for breaking out roads,	13,50
E. E. Goodale for goods delivered to Jas. Ordway,	19,50
Moses Collins, jr., for breaking roads,	1,50
Joseph Colby, for labor on highway,	3,00
Daniel Wilson, for keeping public watering place,	3,00
Martin L. Otterson for abatement of taxes on lot 68, fourth range, fourth division, 1860,	5,83
William Holt, for labor on highway,	6,40
George Worcester, for damage done to sleigh in Hooksett Bridge,	2,00
Sumner Ordway, for breaking out and repairing high- way,	31,53
Charles Kimball, for breaking out roads,	13,85
Moses C. Clark, for work on highway,	11,65
William Sanborn, for three days' labor on culverts,	4,50
John Mitchell, for services to Concord to obtain money to build bridge,	5,00
Nehemiah Hardy, for labor on highway,	19,44
A. B. Farmer, for work on Brick Yard Bridge,	3,00
J. F. Collett for clothing furnished D. Rowell,	3,67
William Sanborn, for money raised by school dis- trict No. 4, to buy stove,	10,00
Eliza Palmer, for interest on note for one year,	24,00
Jesse Colby, for wood for James Ordway,	2,25
Insurance in the Gilman Fire Insurance Company,	3,91
Dustin Rowell, for car fare and expense to Lyndon, Vt.,	7,60
William Lakin, in goods delivered,	16,00
Charles H. Wheeler, for railroad fare of paupers,	16,80
Samuel Brown, for boarding James Stevens 12 1-2 weeks,	12,50
Warren N. Kelley, for labor on highway, 1859,	3,75

James T. Prescott, for breaking out roads,	3,75
Mechanicks' Bank, interest,	21,76
Lafayette Sleeper, for boarding Sarah McClure,	7,80
Hiram B. McMurphy, for lighting town house, for School Commissioner,	1,00

Samuel Head has been paid the following sums:

For witnesses in bridge case,	7,40
invoice, collector's and surveyors' book, etc.,	6,00
money paid poor persons,	1,74
snowing bridge,	10,50
note and interest paid Ira Rowe,	285,86
note and interest paid John Prescott,	135,05
money paid Commissioner of Schools,	18,48
Morrison & Stanley's bill,	121,50
Shaw & Bruce, robe and coffin for Killicut girl,	6,00
in at savings bank,	43,89
Jacob Morse, for coat for Samuel Lakin,	4,50
Cross & Topliff, for advice,	2,00
2022 feet lumber for Brick Yard Bridge,	26,24

The following sums have been paid Joseph T. Goss:

For goods delivered James Ordway,	3,08
1 pair shoes, 1 pair feeting for Noah Lawrence,	1,83
1 pair shoes for Ephraim Eastman,	1,50
2 yards of cassimere, 1 pair feetings, 4 yards sheeting, and buttons for W. Ordway,	2,14
goods delivered Nancy Lewis,	27,44
James Stevens, clothing delivered,	4,08
clothing delivered Noah Lawrence,	4,08
money paid William Lakin,	12,00
money paid Samuel Lakin,	15,58
3 yards cassimere for Samuel Lakin,	2,00
lanterns, can, fluid, etc.,	3,16
services as Town Treasurer, 1859,	5,00
balance due on poor farm accounts,	75,86
goods delivered to Eliza Webster,	31,43
for spikes and 1 gallon of fluid,	,73

Abatement of Thomas Tuck's taxes—over taxed in

1859,

2,23

Abatement of Taxes for the Year 1860.

Hannibal Barry,	,73
Jesse Collins,	2,50
Jerry Haggett,	2,50
Hiram B. Frost,	2,50
John Hamilton,	2,50
John M. French,	2,50
Hamilton McCollock,	2,71
Richard Silver, over 70 years of age,	2,50
Joseph Wiggins,	2,50
Charles A. White,	2,50
Patrick Flarity,	2,50
Timothy Leavitt,	2,50
John Lear,	2,50
George Poor,	2,50

Paid Marvin Leffingwell, for superintending schools for year 1860,	20,00
R. L. Pingree, for labor on bridge, and shoveling snow off the same,	8,25
Nat. and William F. Head, for sawing lumber for poor farm, etc.,	18,30
Wm. F. Head, for cash paid Dutton Woods,	1,00
Wm. F. Head, for cash paid Smith & Clark for advice,	2,00
John P. Osgood's note and interest,	1185,39
John H. Mitchell, for shoemaking,	7,69
Henry Colby, note and interest,	532,33
Wm. Sanborn, for labor on bridge,	7,50
John Johnson, note and interest,	462,76

Abatement of Taxes for the Year 1857.

Parker Carr,	1,44
John Ela,	1,44
John Haddo,	1,44
James N. Quimby,	2,88
H. W. Saltmarsh,	1,44
John O. Cram,	1,44
John G. Emerson,	1,44

Abatement of Taxes for the Year 1858.

John Dunn,	1,57
Marron Drew,	2,08
John Ela,	1,57
Hiram B. Frost,	1,50
George W. Gordon,	1,50
John Hamilton,	1,50
Daniel Hall,	,31
Samuel Lakin, jr.,	1,50
Obed Martin,	1,57
Alfred Powell,	2,08
Edwin E. Russell,	1,50

John W. Prescott, services as Town Clerk, notifying jurors, recording births, marriages and deaths, and for stationery,	15,00
Joseph T. Goss, for one yoke of oxen,	105,00
Jabez Green for note and interest,	531,00
Moses Quimby for labor on bridge,	3,50
In hands I. C. Otterson, collector, 1860,	158,90
In hands Joseph T. Goss, treasurer, 1860,	770,90
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	\$11,687.36

RECEIPTS OF THE TREASURER.

Amount in Treasury, 1859,	\$609,59
Isaac C. Otterson, balance tax-list, 1859,	10,00
A. B. Farmer, for lot in Cemetery,	2,75
City of Concord, for support of pauper,	25,60
Literary fund,	108,90
Selectmen of Hooksett,	2500,00
Concord R. R.,	1957,34
James Stinson, for lot No. 46, Cemetery,	3,00
Railroad tax,	186,88
Town of Hooksett, for 1 yoke oxen,	120,00
Merrimack County,	281,58
Wm. H. Putnam, for stove,	6,50
Mrs. Wild, for lot in Cemetery,	3,00

Samuel Hall, for cost and tax on land,	5,00
Town of Allenstown,	134,12
Isaac C. Otterson, tax-list, 1860,	5704,90
Tax-list of 1857,	11,52
Tax-list of 1858,	16,68
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Total,	\$11687,36

We have examined the accounts of Joseph T. Goss, Treasurer of the Town of Hooksett, and find the same well vouched and the foregoing is a true statement thereof.

JESSE GAULT,
JABEZ GREEN, } *Auditors.*

Hooksett, March 7, 1861.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Due the Town.

Due, balance Eri Poor's tax-list, 1852,	28,88
Nathaniel Mitchell's tax-list, 1854,	13,55
John W. Prescott's " 1855,	25,00
Isaac Lewis's " 1856,	59,03
A. H. Converse's " 1857,	52,68
A. H. Converse's " 1858,	430,82
Isaac C. Otterson's " 1860,	158,90
Pierce Porter's note,	48,23
In hands of agent Poor Farm, John Riley,	13,27
City of Manchester for support of Eliza Webster and family,	43,00
In hands of Treasurer,	770,90
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	\$1644,26

Liabilities of the Town.

Selectmen's bill, 1860,	163,01
Solomon Whitehouse,	300,00
Jeremiah H. Wilkins,	2500,00
Sophia W. Chandler,	3000,00
John P. Osgood,	1000,00
Fanny Brown,	1500,00
Clara Palmer,	400,00
N. H. Savings Bank,	700,00
Benj. J. Gile,	1000,00
John Riley, one year's salary as agent Poor Farm,	200,00
Bills estimated at	100,00
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	\$10863,01
Amount due the Town,	1644,26
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Balance against the Town,	\$9218,75

A STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE POOR FARM FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1861.

R E C E I P T S .

E. E. Goodale, for produce,	14,92
Joseph T. Goss, for produce,	85,31
" " " work,	2,00
Butcher, 1 calf,	3,50
Stranger, 2 lbs. butter,	40
Stranger, 38 lbs. butter,	8,00
Peter C. Rowell, 4 quarts milk,	16
E. M. Wilson, 1 calf,	6,00
John Sanborn, 24 quarts milk,	76
Samuel Head, labor,	5,00
Samuel Head, 2854 lbs. hay,	22,83
Stranger, 3 lbs. butter,	50
N. Mitchell, 2 pigs,	4,00
P. C. Rowell, labor,	1,00
D. Merrill, one pig,	2,00

Woods, 2 pigs,	4,00
N. Mitchell, 1 pig,	2,00
D. C. Elliott, labor,	50
Stranger, 1 pig,	2,00
Peddler, 1 cheese,	1,40
J. Gault, labor,	2,00
J. Gault, labor,	3,00
N. Mitchell, 7 3-4 lbs. butter,	1,4
Wm. Horn, labor,	2,25
E. Poor, 34 feet boards,	50
N. Mitchell, 2 barrels cider,	2,50
Amos Wheeler, 1 1-2 bushels potatoes,	60
" 17 lbs. butter,	2,84
" 1 chicken,	25
" 1-2 bushel potatoes,	20
" 1-2 bushel beans,	75
E. M. Wilson, 72 lbs. hide,	3,60
Treasury,	108,27
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	\$294,44

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Joseph T. Goss, for sundry goods,	\$160,09
E. E. Goodale, " "	16,12
J. Young, for pork,	13,12
B. Smith, for 1 butcher knife,	25
J. Osgood, 1 bag meal,	1,80
I. C. Otterson, 26 lbs. veal,	1,50
Peddler, tin ware,	1,40
N. H. Otterson, for use of boar,	50
J. Osgood, 1 bag meal,	1,60
Trader, 11 yards cotton cloth,	55
E. Wilson, for pork,	12,00
For James Stevens, 1 pair pants,	2,25
Wm. Head, for use of bull,	2,00
Peddler, for 1 sieve,	35
Peddler, 1 cap for Wm. Ordway,	60
Peddler, for fish,	25
For James Otterson, 1 spencer,	2,00

Cotton cloth,	30
For use of cider mill and horse,	1,00
John Tennant, for 1 tub,	1,00
For W. Ordway, 1 jacket,	3,12
Butcher, 15 lbs. beef,	75
Wilkinson, for threshing,	3,75
Butcher, for 11 lbs. beef,	55
1 pair rubbers for P. Welch,	95
J. Young on settlement,	6,62
M. L. Otterson, for butchering,	50
P. Porter, making cart body,	3,25
H. E. Robie, blacksmith work,	6,98
I. C. Otterson, on settlement,	1,50
Butcher, for beef,	76
Painter for paint,	25
Prescott, 1 vest,	1,50
E. E. Goodale on settlement,	1,20
John Riley, 1 spinning wheel,	1,00
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	\$251,36

INVOICE OF PROPERTY AT POOR FARM.

4 cows,	\$100,00
8 tons hay,	144,00
2 tons straw,	10,00
10 bushels rye,	10,00
70 bushels oats,	28,00
40 bushels corn,	36,80
6 bushels beans,	12,00
3 shoats,	30,00
20 fowls,	6,67
80 bushels potatoes,	32,00
1 1-2 barrel pork,	33,00
150 pounds beef,	9,00
1 1-2 bushels beets,	,75
2 bushels turnips,	,67
106 pounds ham,	13,25
185 pounds cheese,	18,50
50 pounds lard,	6,25

62 pounds dried apples,	3,10
13 pounds candles,	1,62
37 pounds tallow,	3,70
35 pounds butter,	7,00
2-3 barrel soap and barrel,	3,00
1 barrel apples,	1,00
3-4 barrel flour,	6,00
1 barrel cider and cask,	3,50
6 barrels	3,50
4 gallons apple sauce,	1,80
farming utensils,	105,50
household furniture,	44,00
crockery ware,	19,00
beds and bedding,	88,00

	\$781,61

Expenditures for support of Paupers on poor Farm.

Agent's salary, for 1860,	\$200,00
Interest on cost of farm and stock,	150,00
Invoice of stock and produce 1859,	894,32
Amount received from treasury,	108,27

	\$1,352,59
Deduct invoice of stock on hand,	\$781,61
Amount received and due from the county, for support of paupers at poor farm,	220,00

	\$1,001,61
Making expenses of paupers at poor farm,	\$350,98

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of receipts of treasurer 1860,	\$11,687,36
Due the town,	1,644,26
Liabilities of the town,	10,863,01
Receipts of poor farm,	294,44
Expenditures of poor farm,	251,36

Individuals supported on Town Farm.

James Otterson,	52 weeks.
Mehitable Otterson,	52
Moses Underhill,	52
Phillip Welch,	52
Nancy Sanborn,	52
Noah Lawrence,	52
Susan Abbott,	52
Wm. Ordway,	29
Daniel Davis,	52
James Stevens,	52
Celestia Martin,	11
Ephraim Eastman,	50
Samuel Lakin,	1
Transient persons amounting to,	5

564 weeks.

<i>Town of Hooksett to SAMUEL HEAD,</i>		DR.
1860.		
March 14.	1-2 day on pauper business,	62
17.	1-2 day writing and posting warrants,	63
20.	1-2 day hiring agent to Poor Farm,	62
29.	1 day & exp. to Concord town business,	2,50
April 6.	5 days taking invoice and expenses,	7,50
10.	1 day and expense to Manchester on pauper business,	2,50
14.	3 days regulating invoice,	3,75
20.	3 days making taxes,	3,75
23.	2 days making out surveyors' warrants,	2,50
30.	1 day and expense to Concord on town business,	2,50
May 1.	1 day to Manchester to settle pauper account,	2,50
3.	2 days recording taxes,	2,50
30.	Carrying poor persons to Poor Farm,	50
June 16.	1 day on town business,	1,25
18.	1 day and expenses to Manchester on town business,	2,50

Aug.	4.	Attending jury meeting,	50
	10.	1 day at Concord on bridge case,	2,50
	21.	1 day to Concord on bridge case,	2,50
Sept.	13.	1 day on town business,	1,25
	18.	1 day to Concord on town business,	2,50
Oct.	1.	1-2 day to D. Batchelder's, Allenstown, on pauper business,	1,75
	2.	1 day to Concord on town business,	2,50
	9.	1-2 day on town business	62
	10.	1 day and expense on Candia line,	2,50
	16.	1 day and expense to Concord,	2,50
	20.	2 days writing and posting check-list and warrant,	2,50
	29.	1-2 day on town business,	63
Nov.	3.	1-2 day regulating check-list,	62
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Jan.	12.	Attending jury meeting,	50
	14.	1-2 day and team to Rowe's Corner on pauper business,	1,50
	22.	1 day and expense to Manchester on pauper business,	2,50
Feb.	4.	1 day preparing county pauper accounts,	1,25
	5.	1 day to Concord settling pauper acc'ts,	2,50
	11.	1 day to Manchester to get advice on liability of Briggs,	2,50
	12.	1 day to Concord settling pauper acc'ts,	2,50
	21.	1 day on bridge business,	1,25
	23.	1 day appraising property at Poor Farm and settling Town accounts,	1,25
		1 day writing warrants and check-list,	1,25
	26.	1 day to Manchester on town business,	2,50
March	9.	1-2 day regulating check-list,	62
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			\$79,11

Town of Hooksett to WILLIAM F. HEAD, - - - DR.

1860.

April	4.	2	1-2 days taking inventory,	2,50
	7.	1	day to Dunbarton after pauper,	2,00
	14.	2	1-2 days regulating invoice,	2,50
	20.	1	day making taxes,	1,00
	24.	1-2	day on town business,	50
	26.	1	day making surveyors' warrants,	1,00
	30.	1-2	day distributing surveyors' warrants,	1,00
May	15.	1	day on town business,	1,00
June	5.	1-2	day to Rowe's Corner on business,	1,00
July	20.	1	day on town business,	1,00
Aug.	4.	1-2	day at jury meeting,	50
Sept.	11.	1	day on town business,	1,00
Oct.	4.	1-2	day to Pembroke on pauper business,	1,00
	19.	1-2	day on town business,	50
Nov.	1.	1-2	day to Allenstown on pauper business,	50
	9.	1	day running line between Hooksett and Candia,	2,00
	24.	1	day to Manchester on business,	2,00
Dec.	11.	1-2	day regulating jury box,	50
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Jan.	5.	1	day on town business,	1,00
	12.	1-2	day at jury meeting,	50
	25.	1-2	day on town business,	50
Feb.	4.	1-2	day to Rowe's Corner,	1,00
	9.	1-2	day on town business,	50
	11.	1	day on bridge business,	1,00
	12.	1	day to Concord on pauper business,	2,00
	13.	1	day to Hillsboro' to see Mr. Briggs,	4,40
	22.	1	day settling accounts,	1,00
	23.	1	day posting warrants and check-list,	1,00
	26.	1	day to Manchester on town business,	1,00
Mar.	9.	1-2	day regulating check-list,	50
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				\$35,90

Town of Hooksett to HENRY SALTMARSH . . . Dr.

1860.

SAMUEL HEAD,
WM. F. HEAD,
HENRY SALTMARSH, } Selectmen
of
Hooksett.

Report of the Superintending School Committee.

To the Citizens of the Town of Hooksett:

Your Committee, to whom was entrusted the care of the public schools in town for the Summer term for 1860, respectfully submit the following Report :

It gives me pleasure to be allowed to say that most of our schools are in a better condition than they were one year ago. Most of the districts were fortunate in securing experienced teachers.

DISTRICT No. 1.

In this school has been fairly demonstrated the utility of retaining the services of *a good teacher*, term after term, and even year after year. Good order, industry and respectful deportment, are found here. Teacher, Miss SARAH F. OTTERSON.

DISTRICT No. 2.

This school was taught by Miss MINERVA J. CILLEY, of Manchester, a young lady possessing good mental qualifications, an aptness to teach and an unusual amount of energy. Under her instruction the school was very prosperous.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The teacher here, Miss MARY F. DOE, of Pembroke, succeeded to the general satisfaction of the district. Miss Doe lacked the advantage which can be derived only from experience. There was a lack of order in the school.

DISTRICT No. 4.

The school here was more successful than the summer before. Two causes contributed to render it so. First—The teacher, Miss SOPHRONIA MITCHELL, evidently took pleasure in her business, and although lacking somewhat in energy, applied herself faithfully to the interests of the school. Second—Parents manifested a deeper interest in the school than the year before.

DISTRICT No. 5.

This school was taught by Miss ELLEN R. LADD, of Manchester, who proved herself to be profitable to the larger portion of the school; perhaps not so much to the smaller scholars.

And here I may as well make a general remark which is applicable to most of our schools, viz :—There is a strong tendency at the present day to hurry young scholars over the elementary studies and set them to studying the “Higher Branches.” This is an evil, a serious evil, in most of our Primary Schools. Pupils like this, that they may keep pace (nominally) with some of their mates, who perchance, may have spent a term (or a half term) at the “Academy,” studying Algebra or Philosophy! Therefore, these studies are brought into our Primary Schools, much to their detriment. And parents “Do not see what hurt it will do.”

But the result is, the Spelling Book and the Reader, the first principles in Geography, and Mental Arithmetic, are but imperfectly learned.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Teacher, Mis GEORGIA F. AUSTIN. Miss A., though formerly a schoolmate with her pupils, commanded their respect and esteem. A thorough scholar herself, she sought to render her pupils well acquainted with their respective studies.

DISTRICT No. 7.

This school, under the tuition of Miss FRANCES MITCHELL, was not so orderly as I have seen it. Yet fair progress was made in the several studies pursued. Your committee is of the opinion that if this school were to have three sessions a year, of eleven or twelve weeks each, (I think they have now about the same number of weeks in two sessions) it would be an improvement.

DISTRICT No. 8.

This school was under the care of Miss REBECCA GOODRICH, of Pembroke, who deserves to be classed with our best teachers. The regular term of this school was short, only six weeks, but such was the interest awakened during that short time, that, to the praise of the district, the same teacher was employed some four or five weeks longer.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Teacher,—Miss ABBY C. SHUTE. Miss S. has been known for years as a very thorough and successful teacher; one among a very few whom we can with confidence recommend; and to whom a school may with safety be entrusted. We were not, therefore, disappointed, when on examination, the school was found to be in very much better condition than it was one year before. Though the pupils had not been over as much ground as those of some of our schools, yet, none have we found better acquainted with the ground they have been over.

E. H. CASWELL,
Supt. School Committee.

REPORT OF THE WINTER SCHOOLS IN THE TOWN OF HOOKSETT FOR 1860-61.

The Superintending School Committee respectfully submits to the citizens of the town, his Report of the condition and progress of the schools committed to his charge.

The subject of education is, at the present day one of absorbing interest. Never has there been an age of more earnest competition in moral, scientific, political and pecuniary enterprise. At such a time, *especially*, life is a stern reality, and the great question is continually forced upon our attention. How shall the rising generation be *educated*, to successfully meet the almost crushing responsibilities that must rest upon them?

As in every other department of lawful enterprise, none but the *best facilities* can insure success, so it is emphatically in the education of youth.

Our school house should not only be *comfortable*, but *pleasant and attractive*, and furnished with all necessary and convenient fixtures. Such are not most of them in town.

Teachers should be employed who are not only well qualified in morals and literature ; apt to teach and able to govern ; but they should have a faculty to win the affections and respect of their pupils ; otherwise, with all their good qualifications, they will be but little better than useless as teachers.

The *best books* should also be liberally furnished, but *not often changed*. In this respect some States have taken an important step within a few years, deciding authoritatively, what books shall be used in all their public schools, and forbidding any change during a specified number of years.

There is *too great a variety* of books in our schools ; especially arithmetics and grammars—five of each. It is not very uncommon to find four kinds of the former and two of the latter in the same school, causing much confusion and loss of time. The evil is one which ought soon to be corrected.

The selection of teachers for our schools the past winter has, generally, been fortunate ; *several* of whom have possessed qualifications much above what the law requires, and *most* of them have acquitted themselves honorably.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Teacher,—MR. CHARLES A. MERRILL, of Concord, and a student of Dartmouth College.

This school commenced under favorable auspices, and high hopes were entertained of complete success. Mr. M., has the reputation of being a fine scholar and come well recommended ; but being young and inexperienced, his success was not as great as was expected, although the school appeared to have made fair progress.

DISTRICT No. 2.

MISS MINERVA J. CILLEY, of Manchester, teacher. Miss C., is one of our most able, earnest, successful and popular teachers. In a school which required skill, patience and efficiency, her success was *great*.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Teacher,—MR. CHARLES R. ROWE, of Candia. Mr. R., is well adapted to the business of teaching; his heart is in his work; he is a *live man* in school, and inspires ambition in his pupils. Though this school is not so far advanced as some, the examination was highly satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Teacher,—MISS SOPHRONIA B. MITCHELL. This school is not so far advanced as most others. The cause of its backwardness may have existed for some years. Miss M., is an experienced teacher, had the affection of her pupils, and gave general satisfaction; yet it is believed that a stricter discipline would have added to the efficiency of the school.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Teacher,—MR. GEORGE H. STEARNS. The average attendance of this school is a higher per cent, of the whole number of scholars than that of any other in town, showing the interest on the part of parents in sending regularly. Mr. S., though not as energetic as some of our teachers, succeeded very well in this school. The scholars were orderly and attentive, and the examination was quite satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Teacher, MR. ISAAC L. HEATH, of Bow. This school is as far advanced as any in town, owing, in part, to the fact that the scholars are *older*, twelve of them out of twenty-seven, being over 16 years. So well pleased was the district with Mr. H's., services, that they retained him a month by subscription, after the public funds were expended.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Teacher,—MR. RANDALL H. WHITE, a student of Dartmouth. This school requires in a teacher, a good share of patience and efficiency. In advancement, it compares favorably with other schools in town. Mr. W., is a competent and thorough teacher, and more efficient in *discipline* than most of our teachers.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Teacher,—MISS REBECCA S. GOODRICH, of Pembroke. No teacher has been more enthusiastically sustained by the district, nor has any one labored with greater earnestness and success. This school is one of the smallest in town, and not so far advanced in its studies as most others ; but the examination evinced superior training generally, and *especially* in reading and mental arithmetic.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Teacher,—MISS CAROLINE M. COCHRAN, of Francestown. This school was first visited on the third day after its commencement, and was found well organized and in excellent working order, giving good assurance of success ; but after continuing five weeks it was broken up by the prevalence of the *Measles*, the teacher and several of the scholars being unable to attend. After an interval of two weeks it commenced again, considerably thinned in numbers, but never regained the interest lost. Considering the unfavorable circumstances, fair progress was made by those who attended with regularity.

The following table will show the length *in weeks* of each school in town, both for summer and winter ; the whole number of scholars four years of age and upward ; the average attendance ; also the per cent. of attendance compared with the whole number of scholars, omitting small fractions.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

SUMMER TERM.				WINTER TERM.				
Number of District.	Length of School in weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Number of District.	Length of School in weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Per cent. of attendance.
1	15	19	16	84	1	10	21	86
2	16	54	40	74	2	13	52	62
3	12	44	27	61	3	8	41	88
4	12	40	29	72	4	10	44	68
5	8	17	11	65	5	12	18	89
6	7	14	12	86	6	7	27	78
7	15	39	28	72	7	13	39	87
8	10	18	15	83	8	6	16	87
9	12	25	17	68	9	11	24	67

From these statistics it appears that the average attendance of all the schools for Summer and Winter, is about 76 per cent. Those marked below that are below par in regularity of attendance, revealing, ordinarily, a corresponding want of interest in education.

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